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SUBJECT: VISIT OF IENG SARY TO TOKYO

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1. ACCORDING TO MOFA 1ST SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION OFFICIALS, CAMBODIAN VICE PREMIER IENG SARY'S JUNE 11-13 VISIT TO TOKYO WILL INCLUDE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA, DINNER HOSTED BY SONODA, AND COURTESY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER. IN ADDITION, SARY WILL BE GUEST AT RECEPTION ARRANGED BY JAPAN-CAMBODIA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION (REPORTEDLY JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY-AFFILIATED GROUP), AND HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO APPEAR BEFORE JAPANESE PRESS ON FINAL DAY OF

2. MOFA OFFICIALS SAID CAMBODIANS HAD GIVEN NO INDICATION OF SPECIFIC ISSUES THEY WOULD WISH TO RAISE, BUT OFFICIALS EXPECTED TALKS TO INCLUDE GENERAL REVIEW OF SITUATION WITHIN INDOCHINA, CAMBODIAN RELATIONS WITH REST OF SEA, AND JAPANESE ROLE IN REGION. ASKED WHETHER JAPANESE SIDE WOULD PLAN TO MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO HUMAN-RIGHTS ASPECTS OF
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CAMBODIAN SITUATION, MOFA OFFICIALS THOUGHT GOJ CONCERN WOULD BE CONVEYED IMPLICITLY THROUGH ITS QUESTIONS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS IN CAMBODIA.

3. MOFA OFFICIALS DID NOT EXPECT VISIT TO RESULT IN CAMBODIAN AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, INASMUCH AS CAMBODIANS STILL TOOK VIEW THAT "TIME WAS NOT

YET RIGHT." HE SAID GOJ DID, HOWEVER, HOPE TO ACCREDIT
AMBASSADOR TO PRC SATO TO PHNOM PENH IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD BE SECOND IENG
SARY VISIT TO TOKYO, FIRST HAVING COME IN SEPTEMBER 1976,
WHEN HE WAS ENROUTE TO G-77 MEETING AND MET WITH THEN
FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA. (ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1976 STOP-
OVER WERE WORKED OUT BY CHINESE EMBASSY IN TOKYO, ACCORDING
TO MOFA. THIS TIME CAMBODIANS APPROACHED JAPANESE IN NEW
YORK AND INDICATED, SOMEWHAT INDIRECTLY, THAT THEY WOULD
LIKE TO VISIT. OFFICIALS SAID CHINESE WERE NOT PLAYING
FACILITATING ROLE.) IN MOFA VIEW, THERE WAS MERIT IN
MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS OF REGION WITH
WHOM GOJ HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (I.E., EXCLUDING
PYONGYANG). MEETING WITH IENG SARY WAS IN KEEPING WITH
FUKUDA DOCTRINE TOWARD SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND DID NOT
IMPLY GOJ APPROVAL OF REGIME. MANSFIELD

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